You Can Do It!

The ability to mix well with others. To be tolerant and non-judgmental and be able to think through problems independently. The ability to work within accepted rules of the school and the classroom.

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” – Plutarch

Principal’s Pen

Here we are in Week 3 already and what a wet start to the term we have had. Luckily finally, Zone Cross Country has happened. Congratulations to all the students who attended and tried their hardest, well done! Also a very big thank you to Ms Jones and our community helpers for your work on the day.

Our school Anzac Ceremony was conducted on Monday 27th April, it was a lovely service and I wish to congratulate the choir on their wonderful performance. Thank you to those students that represented Boolaroo Public School at the Anzac Day March and Dawn Service. You made an impressive addition to the group.

Thank you to the P&C for organising today’s Mother’s Day Stall and raffle. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th May. At these meetings, P&C make decisions regarding all P&C business. Decisions are made that are to the benefit of the whole school, not a minority, and also take into consideration time and volunteer constraints. If you would like to have input into the activities the P&C will run to support the school, please attend the meetings so your opinions can be heard. If you are not happy with the decisions made at these meetings please speak directly with the president, Karen McCraw, her email is mccraw08@bigpond.com. Social media is not the forum to discuss P&C business.

Over the next week we are endeavouring to send out information about all excursions, camps and activities (and their costing) that will occur for the remainder of the year. We hope having lots of forward notice will help parents with their financial planning, where possible a payment plan will also be included. Last week a note was sent out to all families regarding the collection of current SMS and email addresses. We are compiling an updated list for communication purposes in the aftermath of the stormy weather. If you have not yet returned this information could you do so ASAP so that it may be updated on our computer system.

Our Year 3 & 5 students will do their NAPLAN tests Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May. These include assessments in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. It will be held in the morning session on the above days. Parents please ensure that children arrive at school on time and have plenty of sleep during the week in order to keep those brains nice and fresh!

Louise Wrightson  Principal
FRUIT BREAK
A gentle reminder that we are a Crunch ‘N’ Sip school and we have a daily fruit break at approximately 10:00am.

We encourage all students to bring fresh fruit or vegetables (no packaged items or juices).
This is to ensure that students continue to learn throughout the morning.

School Attendance
It is extremely important that all students are at school no later than 8:55am so they are ready to enter their classroom and have the roll marked at 9am ready to start their learning immediately.

Please note that if your child is late to school they disrupt the learning of every student in their class when they enter the room as well as they miss out on very important information to guide them through their morning learning.

It is vital that all students are on time and ready to learn.

We understand that there are times when this is unavoidable however please understand that it is DEC policy for all teachers to record late arrival, early departure and absentees. If the DEC sees a pattern of interruptions to a students learning due to reduced attendance at school this becomes a flagged issue and your child’s attendance will be investigated through the appropriate bodies. The Home Liaison Officer visits the school on a regular basis to discuss attendance issues with teachers.

LAKE MACQUARIE LEAD COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP
Congratulations to Karen McCraw and Nicole Gerrard who have been accepted onto the Lake Macquarie Lead Community Reference Group. This group will work with the EPA regarding any environmental issues in the local community.

UNIFORM SHOP
There are some jackets available. These are 1 x size 6, 2 x size 8, 1 x size 12. These are $35. Money must be paid in full before they can be taken home.

Hours of uniform shop are now Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am- 9:15am 2:30pm- 3.15pm
Also uniforms must be paid in full before they will be issued.

Second Hand Uniforms
A section will be set up in the next month for second hand uniforms. If you have any to donate please send them to the school washed. These will be sold from $2- $5. This is to give families another option when it comes to school expenses. This does not included Jackets.

P & C News

The objective of the P & C this year is to help families with the financial support so that your children can still experience excursions and events that bigger schools hold. In saying this in the last committee meeting a motion was carried through that if there was financial support from the families in regard to the fundraising innovatives then we would contribute to the cost of transport for some of these excursions. This will benefit all your children and take some of the financial burden off you. As well as this we also want to help with improvements and development of the school. I would like to thank the teachers of our wonderful school and the parents, the business community and committee who give up their time and financial support to help achieve this.

Regards
Karen McCraw
P & C President
Photos
To make it easier, payments for photos can be made online.
Information for this was on the top of the photo forms.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING BOOSTER BLOCKS
Tues 7th to Fri 10th April
Mon 13th to Fri 17th April

LEARN TO SWIM & STROKE CORRECTION FOR ALL AGES & LEVELS
‘Repetition guarantees improvement’

ENROL NOW TO SECURE YOUR POSITION

WINTER SPECIAL OFFERS
Set your child up for success by swimming all year round in our indoor heated pools!

$5 lessons after you pay 1 lesson per week for 10 weeks up front

AQUA FITNESS
The low impact, high calorie burning workout for all ages & fitness levels

First Class FREE!
Check us out on Facebook ‘Aqua Fitness Valentine’

*Offers exclude pool entry to Valentine Hydrotherapy Pools. Phone swim school for Terms and Conditions.

Anyone who mentions this add gets 20% off their first treatment
The 2015 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open!
The Premier’s Reading Challenge takes place every year and is for all students from Kindergarten to Year 9.
Books must be read from the specified booklist and can be borrowed at any library.
All students have been given a recording sheet for PRC books to be logged, which will be kept with their classroom teacher.
This is a great way to encourage and build your child’s love of reading for lifelong learning.

Mothers Day Raffle

Winners for 2015

1st Prize—Mattara Voucher T Mason
2nd Prize—Trudi’s Mirror Image Voucher M Bursic
3rd Prize—Flaunt Beauty Voucer Mrs Wrightson
4th Prize—Onion Glasses L McCraw

Thank you to our Business Supporters For the Raffle Prizes

The Mattara Hotel
Trudi’s Mirror Image
Flaunt Beauty